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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of : Vernon Brent Barnes et al.
Serial No : 10/645,997
Filed : August 22, 2003
For : Equipment and Methods for Manufacturing Cigarettes
Examiner : Carlos N. Lopez
Art Unit : 1731

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a three month extension of time in which to respond to the Official Action mailed December 1, 2006, in the above-identified application. This extension of time will extend the period for filing to expire on June 1, 2006.

Enclosed is a credit card authorization for \$1,020.00 for the extension fee. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required by this action, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-1435. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

The Office is respectfully invited to contact J. Michael Boggs at (336) 747-7536, to discuss any matter relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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